GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER ANNAPURNA YOJANA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the target fixed under `Annapurna Yojana` for the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 has been achieved;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the projected target under this scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (d) The Annapurna Scheme aims at providing food security to those senior citizens who though eligible have remained uncovered under the National Old Age Pension Scheme. Ten kgs. Of foodgrains per month are to be provided free of cost to the beneficiary under the Scheme. During the year 2000-01, eleven States implemented the Scheme. A Statement indicating the beneficiaries covered during 2000-01 is enclosed. Six States, namely, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Tamil Nadu have informed that they are not implementing the Scheme.

During the year 2001-02, in addition to the eleven States referred to above, the Government of Bihar have reported that they are covering 1,66,601 beneficiaries during the year 2000-01. The remaining States/Union Territories, excluding the six States mentioned above, are still in the process of identifying the beneficiaries. These States have been advised to expedite the process of identification of beneficiaries for the implementation of the Scheme.

Statement referred to in Para (a) to (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Qn. No.5285 due for reply on 28.8.2001.

ANNAPURNA SCHEME

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Beneficiaries Covered
1	Andhra Pradesh	93200
2	Himachal Pradesh	3426
3	Kerala	44980
4	Orissa	51176
5	Rajasthan	53869
6	Uttar Pradesh	206870
7	Uttaranchal	12609
8	Mizoram	1000
9	Nagaland	2600
10	Sikkim	2411
11	Tripura	11480
	Total	483621